



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 2356.0062-05

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Maurice MONCANY et al.)
Application No.: 09/670,105) Group Art Unit: 1648
Filed: September 26, 2000) Examiner: U. Winkler
For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED FROM)
THE GENOME OF RETROVIRUSES OF THE HIV-1,)
HIV-2 AND SIV TYPE, AND THEIR USES IN)
PARTICULAR FOR THE AMPLIFICATION OF THE)
GENOMES OF THESE RETROVIRUSES AND FOR)
THE IN VITRO DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASES DUE)
TO THESE VIRUSES)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of November 17, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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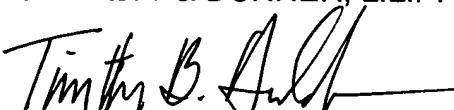
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